

# Healthy Childhoods Last a Lifetime

Parenting is tough, even in the best of circumstances. The statewide 1-800-CHILDREN Helpline is an information and referral number for anyone concerned about the healthy development of a child. It provides programs that support families, caregivers and professionals through community resources. It is Bilingual and open Monday to Friday 8 am– 6 pm.



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## Prevention Network

Build and support a statewide network of individuals, families, agencies and communities dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect in all forms. There are 20 local Prevent Child Abuse Councils through out the state that serve as prevention agencies in their area.



Prevent Child Abuse Georgia, provides statewide direction to build safe, stable, nurturing environments and relationships to prevent child abuse and neglect. Since 2011, PCA Georgia has been housed in the Mark Chaffin Center for Healthy Development at Georgia State University's School of Public Health.

## Prevention Programs

Increase public awareness on child abuse and neglect prevention through training, education, events and media campaigns. Share and distribute research to guide policy and programs which will enhance the health and well-being of Georgia's children and families.

## Public Awareness

Encourage the development and implementation of innovative prevention programs using research-based models. Host webinars and annual conference for child and family serving professionals to infuse prevention practices in their work. Provide in-person training on strengthening communities and mandated reporting.



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## I-800-CHILDREN Helpline

Prevent Child Abuse Georgia's I-800-CHILDREN Helpline is an information and referral line for people who are concerned about the healthy development of children and the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Callers can talk to a trained individual who cares and wants to help.

### The Helpline Is:

- Toll Free
- A safe place to discuss options
- Open Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Professionally staffed
- Bilingual (Spanish/English)
- A source of information and support

### The Helpline Is NOT:

- A hotline or crisis line
- A function of DFCS
- Where child abuse reports are taken

### The Helpline Serves:

- Parents
- Grandparents
- Foster Parents
- Survivors of Abuse
- Youth
- Friends or Relatives
- Crime Victims
- Faith Communities
- Professionals
- Individuals from all socio-economic levels living in urban, suburban, and rural communities in Georgia

### Why People Call:

- Parenting support
- Counseling and support groups
- Referrals for legal needs
- Grandparent issues
- Child abuse and prevention information
- Concern about well-being of a child or family member
- Family violence concerns
- Community resources for emergency assistance
- Resources for special needs children

PCA Georgia is a state chapter of PCA America, housed in the Mark Chaffin Center for Healthy Development at Georgia State University's School of Public Health. PCA Georgia provides statewide direction to prevent child abuse and neglect, promote healthy children and develop strong families through its prevention network, public awareness activities, prevention programs, research, and advocacy. Visit [www.preventchildabusega.org](http://www.preventchildabusega.org) for more information.



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